1993-94 is given below :—

	Production (Lakh tonnes)	% of cane used for White Sugar	Gur Khandsari	Seed Feed & Chewing
1990-91	120.47	50.7	37.4	11.9
1991-92	134.11	52.7	36.8	10.5
1992-93	106.09	44.6 (P)	43.5	11.9
1993-94 (P)	97.25	41.8	46.4	11.8

P—Provisional.

(c) In order to increase the production of sugarcane through higher use of inputs, Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane were raised from Rs. 34.51 per quintal in 1993-94 to Rs. 39.10 per quintal in 1994-95. Besides a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System from the current financial year i.e. 1994-95 is proposed to be implemented in 21 States/UTs. during remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The thrust of the Scheme has been laid on increasing the production of sugarcane through adoption of production technology and management of ratoon crops with more emphasis on quality seed distribution and its proper treatment to save the crop from various seed borne diseases.

National census on cattle

489. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last national census of cattle wealth taken and what is the number of cattle in the same compared with the preceding census;

(b) what is the proportion of cattle per thousand population indicated in the last two cattle census;

(c) the estimated number of cattle slaughtered each year in the recognised and unrceognised abattiors;

(d) the estimated value contributed to the National Wealth by cattle in terms of energy, milk, wool, hides and skins, fertilizers and othre things; and

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported comments in the Press that the best of cattle wealth in the country is being depleted due to large scale slaughter, if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The last all India livestock census was conducted with 15th October, 1987 as reference date. Provisional number of cattle was 195.87 million as compared to the 192.4 million during the previous livestock census.

(b) The proportion of cattle per thousand of human population was 249 in 1987 as compared to 272 in the previous census in 1982.

(c) Accurate estimates of cattle slaughtered in the recognised and unrecognised slaughter houses in the country are not available.

(d) As per the National Accounts Statistics, 1994 published by the Department of Statistics (C.S.O.), the value of output from livestock sector was estimated as Rs. 507.51 billion in 1991-92, excluding the contribution of livestock to draught power.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the reports published in the press regarding slaughtering of cattle. Generally, unproductive and uneconomical animals in the system are culled and disposed off for slaughter. States have their own Animal slaughter Prevention Acts. In order to regulate the activities of slaughtering of animals, a centrally sponsored scheme for the modernisation and improvement of slaughter houses is being implemented.

Opening of a Mother Dairy Booth in North Avenue

490. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not opened any outlet/booth of Mother Dairy in North Avenue in MPs residential area;

(b) whether due to this the residents and the MPs of the area are facing great hardship and acute shortage of milk;

(c) whether Government propose to open Mother Diary outlets/booths especially in North Avenue to supply milk and vegetables to MPs and other people in the area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (e) The Mother Dairy sets up booths on the basis of sales potential and viability of a unit in a particular area. Accordingly,, they have already set up Booth No. 227 to cater to the needs of the President Estate and North Avenue. The Booth has a potential to serve 2000 litres of milk per day whereas presently it is selling only 1550 litres of milk per day. Hence at present the Mother Diary is not considering construction of adidtional booth in North Avenue.

For opening the Fruit and Vegetable Booth in the North Avenue, the Fruit and Vegetable Project of the National Diary Development Board had approached the Land and Development Office, Ministry of Urban Development in March, 1989 to allot them a site in North Avenue near the bus stand and near the CGHS Dispensary. The site however was not allotted. As the Project has already completed construction of their planned 200 booths within the budgeted expenditure, they at present are not considering opening of additional booths including in North Avenue. Fruit and Vegetable booth however is already functioning in South Avenue.

State farms Corporation of India

491 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the annual profits earned by the State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) during the years 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what are the reasons for the losses suffered by SFCI during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(c) what is the position regarding the annual production of seeds at SFCI during the years 1988-89 to 1993-94;

(d) what are the reasons or decline in production of seeds at SFCI;

(e) who is the present Chairman of SFCI and since when the present incumbent has been continuing; and